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SUBJECT: KAUNDA CALLS ARMED STRUGGLE FOR RHODESIA NOW "ON THE  
HORIZON"

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AT PASSING OUT CEREMONY FOR MILITARY  
CADETS NEAR KABWE ON MARCH 12, PRESIDENT KAUNDA CASTIGATED  
RHODESIAN WHITES FOR CONSISTENTLY SPURNING HAND OF FRIENDSHIP  
AFRICA HAS OFFERED TO ARRANGE FOR PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO  
MAJORITY RULE. "WE SAY TO THEM THAT WHEN MAJORITY RULE HAS TO  
COME THROUGH THE BARREL OF A GUN, THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE FOR  
THEM IN RHODESIA," KAUNDA SAID. PRESIDENT ADDED: "THE DIE IS  
CAST; THE END IS NEAR. IT IS JUST ON THE HORIZON. WE CAN  
SEE IT... WE MUST MAKE THE CAESARIAN OPERATION OF THE  
RHODESIAN PROBLEM VERY QUICKLY." KAUNDA PLEDGED ZAMBIA  
WILL NOT LACK IN WILL AND PURPOSE TO PLAY HER ROLE AS "DAY OF  
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RECKONING" DRAWS CLOSER. HE ALSO CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE

INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAMIBIA AND CONDEMNED  
APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE EXUBERANT TIMES OF ZAMBIA HEADLINE  
"IT'S NOW WAR - AT LAST KAUNDA OPTS FOR ARMED FORCE", CLOSE  
READING OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS INDICATES THIS INTERPRETATION  
OF THEM IS PREMATURE. KAUNDA REMARKS RATHER SHOULD BE READ  
AS VIRTUALLY LAST DITCH EFFORT BY HIM TO WARN RHODESIAN WHITE  
DIE-HARDS TO LOSE NO MORE TIME IN NEGOTIATING POLITICAL SETTLE-  
MENT IF THEY WISH PRESERVE ANYTHING IN RHODESIA. CLEAR,  
HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC RHODESIAN FRONT  
LEADERS WILL HEED THIS APPEAL AND THAT EVEN NOW IT MAY BE TOO  
LATE TO ARREST CONTINUING SLIDE INTO WAR FROM WHICH WHITE SETTLER  
SOCIETY CANNOT HOPE TO EMERGE WITH EITHER ITS POLITICAL OR  
PROPERTY RIGHTS INTACT.  
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